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Proposed Amendment to the PFA Rule relating to Beverages

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Report Highlights:

On August 26, 2003, the Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, issued a draft Gazette notification under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), proposing very stringent limits on poisonous metals and pesticides residues in beverages (soft drinks, fruit and vegetable juices, fruit pulp, etc.). If implemented, these amendments would have a significant negative impact on US exports of fruit juices, etc. to India. The proposal is open for comment from interested parties until September 25, 2003.

Includes PSD Changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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Introduction: This report summarizes a proposed draft amendment to the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules framed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act (PFA), 1954, which sets very stringent tolerance level on poisonous metals and pesticide residues on beverages. Included are fruit and vegetable juices, fruit pulp, fruit syrups, fruit squash, fruit beverages or fruit drinks, and soft drink concentrates (after dilution as per declaration).

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests.

Type of Regulation: Draft

Important Dates:

- **Publication Date:** August 26, 2003
- **Time period for receiving Comments/Suggestions:** 30 days from the date of publication (September 25, 2003).

Comments/suggestions should be addressed to:

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Any interested party may comment.

Products Affected: Fruit and vegetable juices, fruit pulp, fruit syrups, fruit squash, fruit beverages or fruit drinks, soft drink concentrates (after dilution as per declaration), jams, jellies, marmalades

Agency in Charge: Department of Health, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GOI

Proposed Major Changes: The proposed tolerance limits of insecticide residues in carbonated water, fruit and vegetable juices, fruit syrup, fruits quash, fruit beverages or fruit drink, soft drink concentrates (after dilution per declaration), and ready to serve beverages of any kind are:

Pesticide residues considered individually:	Not more than 0.0001 mg/liter
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Total pesticides residues:	Not more than 0.0005 mg/liter
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The analysis shall be conducted using internationally established test methods meeting the residue limits specified above.

The Draft Notification is available at: <http://mohfw.nic.in/GSRNo.685dated26.8.03.pdf>

For More Information: Contact the Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration web site: <http://mohfw.nic.in/pfa.htm>

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